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The receipt of a **NEW PATENT APPLICATION** is hereby acknowledged, comprising 27 pages of specification, 9 claims on 4 pages, an abstract, a Declaration (UNSECURED); 4 Figs. on 4 sheets of drawings, Form PTO-2038 WILL FOLLOW to cover the filing fee; Cover Letter to Commissioner, Priority Document No. 199 55 919.8.

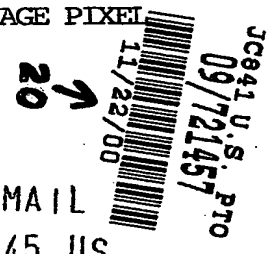
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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